

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISPLAYING EVENT RELATED ELECTRONIC  
PROGRAM GUIDE DATA ON INTELLIGENT REMOTE DEVICES

ABSTRACT

5           A method and system for displaying event related program content and  
program guide data are disclosed. Upon the occurrence of an event such as a channel  
selection or change input, event related program content is displayed on a display  
coupled to an information handling system that functions as a host device and a tuning  
device for tuning to channels on which program content is broadcast. The  
10 information handling system further includes electronic program guide (EPG) data  
that includes program information for available programs. A portion of the EPG data  
that is related to the event being displayed is transmitted to a remote device that is  
capable of displaying the event related program guide data on a display of the remote  
device. The remote device allows a user to view and to browse event related program  
15 guide data on the remote device display such that the viewability of program content  
displayed on the display coupled to the information handling system is maximized,  
and any interference with the viewability of the program content is minimized. A bi-  
directional communications link is provided between the remote device and the  
information handling system and may be an infrared or radio-frequency link. The  
20 user may thereby browse event related programming information for other channels  
without detracting from the present channel, and may browse for event related  
programming information for the present channel over a predetermined time interval.